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Remarks

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This statement qualifies as a no-fee Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. section 1.97 (b) or otherwise because to the knowledge of the undersigned attorney it is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action after the filing of a request for continued examination (RCE)

under section 1.114. Nevertheless, if any fee is due with the submission of this IDS, please charge the additional fee to deposit account 22-0350. The instant application, filed November 20, 1998 (after the issuance of US 5716393, cited herein), claims priority as a continuation-in-part from an application filed August 3, 1995. On its face, US 5716393 is not prior art to the subject matter from the parent application. Nevertheless, out of an abundance of caution, Applicant requests that US 5716393 be treated as prior art as to all pending claims unless or until the Applicant confirms that he was unaware of the subject matter thereof prior to his invention date of the subject matter from the parent application.

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